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State President



Hello PAS members and advisors. For those of you who do not know me I am Jason Tews your 2004-2005 state president. I am a senior at NDSU majoring in Ag Systems Management. Time has been flying since school started in August it won't be to long and state convention will be here. I hope everything is going well for all of you and you all are getting geared up for the state convention in January.

Steve Ebertowski, your state secretary, and I have been keeping pretty busy with both school and activities for PAS. In June I brought greetings to the FFA members at the state convention here in Fargo. Then in the end of September Steve and I attended the Regional

Conference in Sturgis SD. The regional conference was a blast. The Sturgis chapter did an excellent job with the conference. We went on a couple of tours and had many excellent presenters throughout the conference.

Right after Steve and I returned from the conference in Sturgis we had a conference call with Doug and all the chapter advisors and some chapter members. Updates and information for state convention were the topics of discussion. When all of you are preparing for the state convention and also nationals if you will be attending make sure you pay special attention to the hand books. Some changes have been made to some of the competitions.

Other than that I hope that everybody is enjoying school and the PAS activities your chapters have been holding. I hope to see all of you at the state convention in January.

State Secretary

Greetings to all North Dakota pas chapters! I am Steve Ebertowski, currently serving as your state secretary. I am a senior at NDSU, majoring in Ag systems management, and my home town is Grafton ND.

Thanks to all that attended the fall leadership conference in Sturgis a few weeks ago, and a special thanks to Western Dakota technical institute for coordinating the tours and workshops we attended. Please keep in mind that Ridgewater Community College plans to host the leadership conference next year. We will keep you updated as plans progress.

Otherwise, I hope everyone is planning on attending the state competition to be held in Minot January 26-28, in coordination with the North Dakota Ag Expo. It is a great way to test your knowledge in your fields of



interest, and to get some experience competing with people all over the state. Hope to see you soon!



BSC PAS Chapter

By Sally Sand, Reporter

Like always another year has started, so consequently PAS, has also started. We started the New Year full blast with a massive picnic party. Sam made us awesome burgers and we were also served delicious salads. We also had a meeting, which wasn't even too boring. The meeting consisted of voting on officers and deciding who was going to Sturgis for the regional conference. About fourteen of us decided to go, including Myles Henne, (Minot), President; Andrew Wisness, (Watford City), Treasurer; Dustin Seright, (Towner), Secretary, Loren Hendrickson, (Rhome), Vice President; and me - Sally Sand, (Ellendale), Reporter.

We took two vans and went on a long road trip that got us out of class for two days. We stopped and ate in Dickinson where Derrick Frank, (Flasher), forgot his wallet. We finally arrived in Sturgis and stayed in the Days Inn, where we had a delightful time. Early risers, David Just (Wishek), AJ Cvancara (Wildrose), and Jacob Schaefer (Wishek) made sure everyone was up before 6:30 a.m.. We all went to the Western Dakota Tech and studied some rangeland techniques and had a splendid picnic. We then extended the day to tours.

We proceeded to go to High Plains Genetics and Myer's Training Stables. We combined with several other schools and took two buses. Both tours were very informational and they weren't even boring. The tour guide kept us very involved and pressing for more answers.

High Plains Genetics, not only taught us about artificial insemination, but they showed us the proper techniques in collecting a bull and a stud. We also went around seeing all of the equipment High Plains uses and their enormous barns.

The next tour we went on was at Myers Training Stables. Here we got to see a beautiful ranch with the biggest money making studs any of us have ever seen. Myer's Training Stables is home to Frenchman's Guy, a leading barrel futurity sire.

After all the learning, we went to supper, which is a story in itself. We all met up at the Flying T Chuck Ranch, where the cooks slammed potatoes on our plates and dished up more meat than we could eat. It was delightful. We were even where most of us belonged, in a barn.

After indulging ourselves in supper, we all loaded on the bus for one more ride. We stopped at Mt. Rushmore, where many have never been, including me. It was about 7:30 p.m., so everything was very pretty and they had a light show, where they had a speaker, a very informative movie, and a beautiful light show.

Once again we slept at the Days Inn, where we had a quite night and no one got in trouble. The next morning came way too early. All the schools met up at Western Dakota Tech and we divided up into different groups for educational seminars. Most of us went to several different ones, which were very interesting and entertaining. Some of us were also lucky enough to wander over to the National Sheep Dog Show, which was quite the experience. The dogs, all pure bred Border Collies, were beautiful and extremely intelligent. In fact I'm pretty sure the dogs have more intelligence than some of the people I know.

After the seminars and the sheep dog show we ate at the Pizza Hut and all winded down to get back on the vans on another road trip back to BSC. We got back just in time for some kids to go to their evening classes. I wonder if they really went back to their classes or not?

Over all, we all learned more than what we expected to learn from our regional PAS Conference, which also doubled as our vacation from school.

DSU PAS/Ag Club

By Nikki Thompson, President & Jessica Kubal, Secretary

The Dickinson State University PAS Ag Club has been a very busy club already this year. We started off with a Big BBQ and Sand Volleyball game to invite new members to our club. The roster indicated we had over 30 members! We were really excited!

The second meeting of the year we elected new officers.

President: Andy Johnsrud

Vice President: Seanna Sparks

Secretary: Jess Kubal

Treasurer: Nikki Thompson

Public Relations: Britt Huggins

Asst. Sec/Treasurer: Tina Hirsch

Asst. PR: Taryn Hauso

Parliamentarian: Carrie Bolstad

Rec. Chair: Leon Cameron and Joel Klein

We decided again to have a meeting every week; the first and third weeks being regular meetings, the second to be a recreational meeting and the fourth week to be a professional development meeting.

The DSU Ag Club decided to make a trip to Sturgis South Dakota for Regionals to start off the year. We had 16 people attend and had a jolly ole time getting to know each other and the other ND clubs.

We immediately started planning for our West River Ag Expo. In conjunction with the Ag Expo we host a Salesmanship Competition. We had 13 competitors, and everyone did a great job. We also did security for the Ag. Expo building and also sold concessions for the Eagles.

For our professional Development meeting we had Tim Transtrom come speak to us about the Salesmanship Competition. We learned a lot from Tim who was a past PAS salesmanship winner.

For our National PAS week event we sponsored a "Country Jubilee." In conjunction with Ron Zimmerman Musical Productions, we had a country western music show filled with musical talent from all over North Dakota and a Fiddling family from Manitoba. The Ag. Club was a big part of the finale and it was a great fundraiser for our club.

Next we had our DSU Homecoming, "Riding High with the Blue and Gray" Our Ag. Club had organized a committee and made a quilt patch to represent PAS on a University wide clubs and organizational quilt. We also participated in the Kids Carnival the Homecoming Committee puts on. We had a roping booth and the kids and members really enjoyed that FREEZING day! We also participated in the parade where we had a "Home on the Range" theme. President Andy Johnsrud dressed in his best cowboy duds and round up members dressed as cows. It was a great day!

Now we are presently preparing ourselves for the winter by getting our favorite fundraiser up and going. We sell sandbags and we have a wonderful time doing it. If any one would like some give us a call!!!

We would like if you would visit us at our new website!

<http://www2.dsu.nodak.edu/users/agclub/>

We hope your year is great and hope to see you all at State in January!!!!!!

Dues

State & National PAS dues are \$20 per member. This is a unified dues package. Please use the National PAS Roster available through the National PAS website www.nationalpas.org to report your members – do not send the roster to the national organization – send it to state advisor Doug Vannurden at dvannurd@state.nd.us.

PAS Resources Available

The national PAS website has loads of resources available to local chapters. The NATIONAL PAS TIMES is now published and available for you to download. This 4 page national newsletter will keep you informed. NATIONAL PAS CONVENTION INFORMATION is coming in November. PAS LOGOS – download the PAS Logo for use in your own newsletters, websites, stationery, etc... Included are the new 25 year logo, the 2005 theme logo “Agricultural Excellence – PAS it on” and more. SHOP PAS – a special link to the PAS items available through FFA Limited is included where you can order official PAS ties or scarves as well as shirts, polo’s and jackets with the PAS Logo available. A PAS RECRUITMENT BROCHURE is available that can be customized for your local chapter. You can also join the National PAS LISTSERV and really keep up on national happenings. The 2004-05 National PAS HANDBOOK will also be available soon, chapters will be receiving a CDrom of the Handbook as well as it being posted on the website.

Get your chapter recognized nationally. Send photos and brief stories for inclusion in the PAS Times “Chapter Corner”. E-mail to lzollinger@nationalpas.org.



Upcoming Events

2004

Nov. 15 – Dues and Affiliation due in the state office

Dec. 10 – Deadline: discounted dues & affiliation for fall students due

2005

Jan. 26 – 28 – ND State PAS Convention – Minot International Inn

Feb. 11 – Deadline: discounted dues & affiliation for spring students due

Feb. 21 – National PAS Hotel Reservations due

Feb. 25 - National PAS Conference Registrations due

Mar. 16 – 19 National PAS Convention – Albany, NY

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- 25th Anniversary College Cookbook
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PAS Mission

The National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization provides opportunities for individual growth, Leadership, and career preparation



NDSU

By Ashley Vangsness

The NDSU PAS/CFFA club is off to a great start this fall! We have several new and excited members. Some current events happening with our chapter include helping area FFA District Leadership competitions out with judging and scoring. We also will be hosting the Second Annual Quiz Bowl for any interested campus organizations on November 16. Teams will compete in several rounds of questions that are based on topics such as general agriculture, current events, and NDSU history. The top three teams will leave the competition with a portion of the entry fees.

In addition, National FFA Convention is just around the corner. Several members will be attending to help work at the Hall of States booth for North Dakota. They include Riston Zielke, Ryan Hauck, and Ashley Vangsness. Kevin Teigen will arrive in Louisville a few days before convention starts to begin the intense screening process as he has his sights on a national office. Good luck Kevin!

2005 National PAS Conference March 16-19 Albany, New York

Prepare yourselves for the experience of a lifetime at the 2005 National PAS Conference, hosted by New York PAS. Discover gorgeous Albany, and get a taste of agriculture - New York style. Also take advantage of the opportunity to see famous sites like the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero and the Empire State Building while visiting the beautiful state of New York.

The stage for the 2005 conference will be the Albany Marriott Hotel located at 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205 (518) 458-8444. Reservations must be made by February 21, 2005. The room rate for Singles/Doubles is \$129.00 per night.

The hotel web address is: www.Marriott.com/ALBANY.



In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization, the College Cookbook is being published. Members, advisors and associates are encouraged to send their favorite recipes to be published in the cookbook. Individual's name and school will also be published next to the recipe.

Any kind of recipe can be submitted (cookies, main dishes, college recipes, wild game, etc.). Please submit all recipes to cookbook@nationalpas.org. Cookbooks will be for sale at National Conference in Albany, New York, in March. ORDER TODAY! Order forms are posted on the National PAS website at www.nationalpas.org.

Creating a Successful Local Chapter

By Doug Vannurden

ND Assistant Supervisor for Agriculture Education

Taped to a panel on my desk, just a little above eye level, here on the 15th floor, is a 5 X 7 card, a little tattered and frayed on the edges, with a few simple words in a fancy font. I know I got this card at a workshop somewhere in my first years of teaching high school agriculture at Beach High School, back in the late seventies. I have kept it near, on my desk next to my family photos, with a few other treasures I have collected over the years.

These words from the “Edge Learning Institute” have been a kind of creed to live and work by for me. The four simple lines are:

*You Rise or Fall,
Succeed or fail,
By the Image You
Hold in Your Own Mind*

I believe that these words can apply to each and every one of us, and how we view ourselves and value what we do as individuals. These words speak to self-image and self worth, and that success is really something that individuals should measure for themselves. Even more so, I believe that this same principle applies to an organization and the image we create for it.

The National FFA Organization has created an image that ties closely to a blue corduroy jacket and an emblem that are recognized nationally and internationally after 75 plus years of “making a positive difference in the lives of students”. The Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization (PAS), after just 25 years of “Uniting Education & Industry in Agriculture” is still working to build their image as a premier leadership organization for postsecondary agriculture students.

Creating an image of what an organization is and stands for is critical to the development and advancement of the local program. National FFA and PAS have set the standards for local affiliates to emulate, and structured programs to provide opportunities for “individual growth, leadership and career preparation.” Success or failure of the local program is then ultimately left to the creation of that image in the leaders and members of the student organization.

Developing strong local student organizations is the foundation of a strong state and national organization that can serve the needs of its’ members and build success. Local FFA and PAS chapters need regular meetings and activities that provide the opportunity for each member to participate and become engaged in the leadership opportunities and award programs available. Successful student organizations enhance members’ abilities to communicate, cooperate and plan. Active chapters provide opportunities for members to interact with others, develop skills and provide incentives for individual growth.

Active local chapters give members a place to belong. They involve each individual in the group so that members have a reason to commit themselves to act in a certain way and willingly commit their time and efforts to the group. Their decisions are strengthened by the awareness that others are similarly committed and do not wish to lose status by failing to follow through on a decision witnessed by their peers. (Ricketts 2003)

Chapter activities need to include a diversity of opportunities to involve members. Educational activities must be included to enhance the agriculture curriculum, and develop essential employment skills. Competition in various career development areas allows students to test their skills with their peers with the incentive of awards and individual and team recognition. Fundraising activities not only secure the support necessary to operate the organization, but also help develop responsibility and commitment to the group. And all good organizations need appropriate recreation activities to develop social skills and promote interaction with other members.

As an advisor to FFA and PAS, it has always been necessary to have a clear image in my mind of what these organizations can and should be, so that I could help create that image in the vision of the members I advise. For me, that vision is renewed and sharpened with each student organization event, conference and convention I attend.

Student Organizations are an essential part of agriculture education. In my mind, they are the dynamic factor to develop student potential for career and life success.